Nandmarg approximately 20 Kms west of Kokarnag, in which three Other Ranks were killed and one officers was injured. The names of the Army personnel killed are as follows:—

Killed

(i) NK Surjit Singh, 16 Sikh Light Infantry

(ii) Sepoy Mohinder Singh, 12 Kumaon

(iii) Sepoy Baudan Lian, 10 Assam

Injured

(i) Lt. Col. S.K. Razdan, 7 PARA

(d) Standing Operating Procedures and special drills have been laid down to minimise casualties to personnel operating in counter militancy/insurgency environment. These are being followed.

(e) and (f) Casualties occuring during counter militancy/insurgency operations are treated as battle casualties and the victims/next of kins are entitled to liberalised pensionary awards as also some other benefits declared by the Government of India including benefit of compassionate employment at par with war casualties. In addition, the State Government of J&K also pays an ex-gratia amount to the next of kins of personnel killed during the operations against militants.

Action against armed forces for excesses in North Eastern States

6339. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether many para-military and army personnel posted in Nagaland, Manipur and Assam were punished or are likely to be punished for committing excesses during the combing search operations in the strife-torn States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) who recently visited North Eastern States had recommended action against many officers and armed personnel for similar offences; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken or is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) During the period from 1990 to 1994, there were 5 cases of excesses alleged against the Armed Forces engaged in counter insurgency operations in the North-Eastern States. These cases have been investigated. In four of these cases, 3 Army personnel have been dismissed from Service and 7 Army personnel, including two Officers have been punished with Rigorous imprisonment and dismissal. In one case disciplinary proceedings against two Army personnel are in progress.

The National Human Rights Commission visited the North-Eastern States of Nagaland and Manipur from 24th to 29th April, 1995. The report of the Commission has not yet been

Demand for optical glasses in ordnance factories

6340. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand of optical glasses in the ordnance factories during the years 1993-94, 1994-95;

(b) the details of their suppliers;

(c) the figures received from suppliers during the year 1993-94, 1994-95, separately; and

(d) the quantity of optical glasses received by the ordnance factories against their demand during the year 1993-94?